

REMARKS

This amendment follows the outstanding Official Action dated 06/20/06 and is intended as a complete and proper response thereto. In particular, the present paper is presented with the view of advancing prosecution of this application on its merits and hopefully placing this case in a clear condition for allowance.

In order to render this Amendment responsive, a Petition for Extension of Time to Respond Within the Third Month Pursuant to § 1.136(a) is submitted herewith in duplicate along with the requisite petition fee of \$510.00 commensurate with the applicant's small entity status as previously established.

Claims 1, 5-14, and 16-20 remain in the application. These claims have been amended in accordance with the examiners detailed action. In particular, claims 9-13 were allowed while claims 1-3 and 14 were rejected. Claims 4-8 and 15-20 were objected to. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 1-13 were initially were initially rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being vague and indefinite. This language has been amended to more positively claim plural pump chambers in rams and in particular, the claims that were objected to have also been corrected to overcome these rejections.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 1, 2, 3 and 4 and thus, as claim 4 was originally objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, the examiner has indicated this claim would be allowable. As such, claims 2, 3, and 4 were deleted with the limitations of claims 2, 3, and 4 being added to claim 1. Thus it is believed that claim 1 and claims 5-8 are now allowable as per the examiners detailed action.

Claims 9 -13 were previously allowed and remain unchanged.

Claim 14 was amended to include the limitations of claim 15 while claims 15-20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, namely claim 14 but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As the limitations of claim 15 have been added to claim 14 and claim 15 deleted, it is believed that claims 14 and 16-20 are now allowable as per the examiners detailed action.

Applicant believes that entry of the amendment after final is proper and should be permitted as the amendment merely complies with the examiners objections and requirements as to form and thus should be permitted after final in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.116. Thus, all claims remaining in the application are currently in condition for allowance.

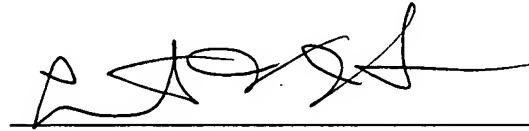
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In light of the presentation of the amended schedule of claims and the indication as to how such claims are considered to clearly and patentably define over the references, it is believed that the patentable nature of the claims has been demonstrated.

In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is kindly requested. Should any matters remain outstanding that may be handle over the phone the examiner is encouraged to call.

Respectfully Submitted,



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